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Applicant : Gary S. Hahn et al.
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REDUCING SKIN IRRITATION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Responsive to the Action mailed December 31, 2002, and further to the Response to Restriction Requirement filed on October 10, 2002, Applicants elect the invention drawn to the embodiment of claims 3, 27 and 33. Specifically, Applicants elect claims 3 (cream, lotion or gel), claim 27 (nonionic surfactant), and claim 35 (additional active ingredient).

In the Response filed on October 10, 2002, Applicants traversed the Restriction Requirement for reasons of record. Applicants maintain said traversal.

Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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